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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 3, dated 12th January 2015)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, Scheme for Grant of Pension Benefits to the Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry was notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 1, dated 9-1-2003 of General Administration (Information and Publicity) Department, Puducherry and the same is yet to be implemented;

2. And whereas, there have been representations from the Media to simplify the scheme and for early implementation. Accordingly, the Government considered the request and had proposed to revise the scheme with necessary amendments in supersession of the earlier order, notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 1, dated 9-1-2003;

Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to approve and notify the Revised Scheme for the Grant of Pension Benefits to the Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry-2003 as appended to this notification.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 33053/FD/F3/2014, dated 23-12-2014.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

K.T. ALAGIRI,
Under Secretary to Government
(Information and Publicity).

**REVISED SCHEME FOR PENSION BENEFITS TO THE MEDIA
PERSONS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHEHERRY-2014**

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (1) This scheme may be called the “Scheme for Grant of Pension Benefits to the Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry-2014”.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(3) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

2. *Object.*— The object of the scheme is to grant financial assistance to the Media Persons in the indigent circumstances in this Union territory of Puducherry, keeping in view the special nature of the service rendered by them to the society in creating a sense of socio-political awareness among the people.

3. *Definitions.*— In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Committee” means the committee constituted under clause 7 of this scheme;

(b) “Family” means the Media Person and his/her wife/husband and children excluding major children. Major children are those who are independent and separated from parent;

(c) "Form" means the form appended to this scheme;

(d) "Government" means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(e) "Media Person" means a Media Person who has completed 20 years of continuous service in a Newspaper/Periodical/News Agency/Electronic Media, as full-time Editor/Reporter/ Sub-Editor/ Press Photographer/ Videographer/Correspondent who are issued with Accreditation Card under Puducherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rules, 1984 or Press Identification Card under Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card Rules, 2013 by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry;

(f) "Electronic Media" means Audio and Visual Media units engaged in Broadcasting/Telecasting of news and registered with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi;

(g) "News Agency" means an agency, which is engaged in the business of collecting news and selling them to the Media Organisation;

(h) "Newspapers/Periodicals" means any newspaper/periodical duly registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India, Government of India, New Delhi;

(i) "Pension" means the monthly financial assistance given to Media Persons/family of the deceased Media Persons under this scheme.

4. *Eligibility conditions.*— The following shall be the criteria for becoming eligible for assistance under this scheme:

(a) The beneficiary shall be a citizen of India and resident of the Union territory of Puducherry by birth or by continuous residence for a period of not less than 10 years.

(b) The beneficiary must have completed 58 (fifty-eight) years of age at the time of applying for the pension.

(c) The beneficiary must have put in not less than 20 (twenty) years of service as full-time Editor/Reporter/Sub-Editor/Press Photographer/Videographer/Correspondent of a Newspaper/

Periodicals/News Agency/Electronic Media, including newspapers and periodicals published in the Union territory of Puducherry and News Agencies/Electronic Media having headquarters outside the Union Territory.

(d) In the case of Media Persons who are unable to pursue their profession on account of chronic ill-health or are permanently incapacitated from performing their job, pension under this scheme shall be sanctioned if they have put in a service at least 10 (ten) years in any capacity as mentioned in sub-clause (3) of clause 4 irrespective of their present age, if they satisfy the other conditions laid down above.

(e) Persons who are already receiving pension/honoraria under the schemes, like the Old Age Pension Scheme, Scheme for Financial Assistance to Physically Handicapped Persons or the Scheme for Honoraria/Pensions to Artists, Writers, if they are selected for assistance under this scheme, may opt for either receiving assistance under this scheme or continuation of assistance being received by them under any of the aforesaid schemes.

(f) The Media Person who applied for pension under this scheme shall not receive any pension/honoraria from Central/State Government.

(h) Fifty per cent (50 %) of the pension shall be given to the spouse of the deceased Media Persons as family pension.

5. *Quantum of pension.*— The quantum of pension shall be ₹ 6,000 (Rupees six thousand only) per mensem or as may be fixed by the Government from time to time

6. *Making of application.*—The application for grant of pension under this scheme shall be submitted to the Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry in Form-I accompanied by the following certificates, namely:-

(a) Nationality/Nativity/Residence and Income certificate obtained from an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsildar.

(b) Birth Certificate or Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate for proof of the age.

(c) Experience certificate showing designation, period of service and place of work from the former employer in Form-II.

Provided, if the Media Persons are not in a position to produce the experience certificate in Form-II, the Assistant Director of the concerned section shall be given necessary certificate showing designation, period of service and place of work by records available in the department.

(d) Certificate regarding any pension/honoraria received from Central or State Government under the schemes, like Old Age Pension Scheme, Scheme for Financial Assistance to Physically Handicapped persons or the Scheme for Honoraria/Pension to Artists, Writers, etc.

(e) Medical certificate (for physically handicapped or those suffering from incurable diseases).

(f) Aadhaar copy.

(g) The application for grant of family pension under this scheme shall be submitted to the Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry by the spouse of the deceased pensioner in Form-IA along with death certificate/legal heir certificate.

7. *Sanction of pension.*— (1) All the applications received from the Media Person/Spouse of deceased Media Persons under this scheme shall be placed before the selection committee comprising the following officers, along with a certificate verification by the Assistant Director/ Public Relations Assistant of the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry in Form-III.

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|---|----|-------------|
| (i) Commissioner- <i>cum</i> -Secretary to Government | .. | Chairperson |
| (Information and Publicity). | | |
| (ii) Joint/Under Secretary to Government (Revenue) | .. | Member |
| (iii) Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary (Finance) | .. | Member |
| (iv) Regional Administrator of the region concerned | .. | Member |
| (for applicants from outlying regions only). | | |
| (v) Two Accredited Media Persons from Print/ | .. | Member |
| Electronic Media. | | |
| (vi) Director of Information and Publicity | .. | Member- |
| | | Secretary. |

(2) The committee after satisfying itself the genuineness of the application may sanction the pension, after which the Director of Information and Publicity shall issue a sanction order in Form-IV appended to this scheme.

(3) The committee may reject any application for reasons to be recorded in writing.

(4) The Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry shall maintain a Register of Sanction in Form-V for pension.

8. *Effect and tenure of sanction.*— (1) Pension shall become payable from the first of the month in which it is sanctioned.

(2) Pension shall become due for payment only on the expiry of the month to which it relates.

(3) Sanction once issued shall be valid as long as the pensioner is alive or till the necessity therefor ceases.

(4) Life certificate shall be produced every year by the beneficiary to the effect that he/she is alive in order to avail the benefit.

9. *Date of mode of payment.*— Payment shall be made on the 10th of each month through Electronic Clearing System.

10. *Records of payment of pension.*— Records of all the payments of pensions shall be maintained in the Register of Payment of Media Person Pension in Form-VI.

11. *Stoppage of pension.*— (1) (a) The Director of Information and Publicity shall have the right to stop payment of pension if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on mistaken grounds or false information or the conditions on which the pension was granted no longer exist.

(b) Before restoring to stoppage of pension under sub-clause (1) above, the pensioner shall be given an opportunity of being heard in person or in writing.

(2) Pension shall cease to be payable on the death of the pensioner/family pensioner and if the grantee dies before receiving the pension for a particular period, the same shall be lapsed.

(3) In case the pension is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant the amount already paid would be recovered.

(4) If the sanction remains unpaid for three months continuously or the beneficiary leaves the Union territory of Puducherry for more than three months without any prior intimation or permanently, the pension shall be stopped:

Provided the non-receipt of payment is due to ill-health or any other circumstances beyond the control of the beneficiary, the pension need not be stopped.

(5) The Director may however revive the payment of pension if he is satisfied that the beneficiary has returned to the Union territory of Puducherry and continue to reside here.

12. *Appeal.*— Any pension aggrieved by any decision of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government of Puducherry (Information and Publicity) may appeal to the Chief Secretary to Government of Puducherry whose decision shall be final.

13. *Power of the Director of Information and Publicity.*— The Director shall be in-charge of implementing the scheme.

14. *Budget provision.*— The expenditure towards the implementation of this scheme shall be debitable to the budget of the Directorate of Information and Publicity.

15. *Interpretation and clarification.*— If any doubt arises as to interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

FORM-I

[See clause 6]

**APPLICATION FOR THE PENSION BENEFITS TO
THE MEDIA PERSONS**

1. Name of the applicant and designation :
2. Date of birth and age of the applicant :
(with a proof of date of birth).
3. Nationality :
4. (a) Whether the applicant is a native of :
Union territory of Puducherry by birth
or by continuous residence (Native/
Residence certificate must be attached).
(b) Aadhaar Card No. :
(copy of the Aadhaar Card must be
enclosed).
5. Address :
6. Present Address :
7. Permanent Address :
8. Period of residence in the present address :
9. Father's name :
10. Mother's name :
11. Name of the spouse :
12. Name of the nominee of the applicant :
(to whom the family pension given).
13. Name of the Newspaper/Journals/Agency/
Electronic Media in which the applicant
has worked.
14. Periodicity :

15. Length of service in the field (Certificate issued by the Newspaper/Journal/News Agency/Electronic Media Authority to be attached in original). :
16. Whether the applicant served as a full-time employee. :
17. Whether the applicant is receiving any pension/honoraria from Central/State Government under any scheme? If yes, please furnish the details. :
18. Whether the applicant is physically handicapped or suffering from incurable diseases/unable to pursue their profession on account of chronic ill-health, or if any? (If yes, please furnish the Medical Report/Certificate). :
19. Date of retirement (Certificate issued by Newspaper/Journal/Agency/Electronic Media or an Affidavit in stamp paper to be attached in original). :
20. Whether the applicant received Accreditation Card or ordinary Identity Card issued by the Information and Publicity Department? (If yes, please furnish the details). :

DECLARATION

I, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars furnished above are true and I have not suppressed any material fact that will disentitle me for the grant of pension benefits.

Signature of the applicant.

Place :

Date :

FORM-IA

[See clause 6 (g)]

**APPLICATION FOR THE PENSION BENEFITS TO THE
FAMILY OF THE MEDIA PERSONS**

1. Name of the applicant :
2. Date of birth and age of the applicant :
(with proof of date of birth).
3. Nationality :
4. Whether the applicant is a native of :
Union territory of Puducherry by birth
or by continuous residence (Nativity/
Residence certificate must be attached).
5. Address :

Present address :

Permanent address :
6. Period of residence in the present address :
7. Father's name :
8. Mother's name :
9. Children's name :
10. Name and address of the deceased :
pensioner/spouse.
11. Name of the Newspaper/Periodical/ :
News Agency/Electronic Media in
which the deceased pensioner has
worked.
12. Pension No. of the deceased pensioner :
(copy of the sanction must be enclosed).

DECLARATION

I, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars furnished above are true and I have not suppressed any material fact that will disentitle me for the grant of pension benefits.

Signature of the applicant.

Place :

Date :

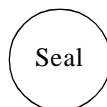
FORM-II

[See clause 6 (c)]

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Certified that Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
S/o., W/o., D/o.had
worked continuously for the period of years
from to as full-time
Editor/Sub-Editor/Reporter/Correspondent of the Newspaper/Periodical/
News Agency/Electronic Media viz.
registered with Registrar of Newspapers for India/Ministry of Information
and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi vide No.... ..

Place : Signature :
Date : Name :
Designation :



FORM-III

[See clause 7 (1)]

VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE

*(To be verified and certified by the Assistant Director,
Directorate of Information and Publicity)*

Certified that Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
S/o., W/o., D/o.....for
providing pension benefits to the Media Persons of Union territory of
Puducherry has been scrutinised and the particulars furnished by him/
her therein are found to be correct.

Place : Signature :
Date : Name :
Designation :



FORM-IV

[See clause 7 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

No. /DIP/AD/Press/201 - 201 , Dated:

ORDER

Sub : DIP - Payment of pension under the scheme for
grant of Pension benefits to Media Persons-2014-
Sanction conveyed-Reg.

Ref : Your application No..... dated.....

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In pursuance of clause 7 (2) of the Scheme for grant of Pension
Benefits to the Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry-2014
sanction of the selection committee is hereby conveyed for payment of
₹ (Rupees.....only)
to Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....with
effect from.....

The pension number allotted to him/her is.....

Director of information and publicity.

To

Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....

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[See clause 7 (4)]

REGISTER OF JOURNALIST'S PENSION

Sl. No.	Pension No.	Name and address of the pensioner	Sanction No. and date	Month from which sanctioned	Dated initial of the in-charge
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

FORM-VI

[See clause 10]

REGISTER OF PAYMENT

Actual payment made as per acknowledgement													
Sl. No.	Pension No.	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)

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